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Listing of the Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A wiring layer structure connected to a first electrode of a ferroelectric capacitor having first and second electrodes, comprising:

a main wiring layer including a first material; and

a coating layer including a first coating part provided between said main wiring layer and said first electrode, a second coating part provided on the top surface of said main wiring layer, and a third coating part covering side faces of said main wiring layer;

wherein said first material reacts with a substance to produce a reducing agent, said substance being infiltrated from the outside to this main wiring layer, and said coating layer is conductive and comprises a second material for preventing the infiltration of said substance into said main wiring layer.

- 2. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first material is aluminum (Al).
- 3. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said second material is titanium nitride (TiN).
- 4. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said second material is titanium (Ti).
- 5. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said second material is titanium nitride (TiN) and titanium (Ti).
- 6. (Canceled)

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7. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first, second, and third coating parts are titanium nitride (TiN) films.

- 8. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first and third coating parts are titanium nitride (TiN) films, and said second coating part is a built-up film composed of a titanium (Ti) film and a titanium nitride (TiN) film.
- 9. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first coating part is a titanium nitride (TiN) film, and wherein said second and third coating parts are built-up films composed of a titanium (Ti) film and a titanium nitride (TiN) film.
- 10. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first coating part is a titanium nitride (TiN) sputtering film, and said second and third coating parts are TiN-CVD films.
- 11. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second coating parts are TiN-sputtering films, and said third coating part is a TiN-CVD film.
- 12. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first coating part is a TiN-sputtering film, said second coating part is a built-up film composed of a Ti-sputtering film and a TiN-sputtering film, and said third coating part is a TiN-CVD film.
- 13. (Previously Amended) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said first coating part is a TiN-sputtering film, said second coating part is a built-up film formed from a Ti-sputtering film and a TiN-sputtering film, and said third coating part is a built-up film formed from a Ti-CVD film and a TiN-CVD film.

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14. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said substance infiltrating from the outside is either water (H₂0) or hydrogen (H₂).

15. (Original) The wiring layer structure according to Claim 1, wherein said reducing agent is either a hydrogen radical (H*) or hydrogen (H₂).